

What is claimed is:

1. A hole cover for a vehicle, for covering an opening on a panel through which a steering element is to pass, comprising:

5        an elastic seal portion having a steering penetration portion through which said steering element passes and being in close contact with a sealing surface formed on the edge of the opening of said panel; and

10        a plurality of latch projections adapted to be pressed against said panel substantially along the axis of said steering element so as to be caught in a latch recess formed in the vicinity of said edge of the opening.

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2. A hole cover for a vehicle, for covering an opening on a panel through which a steering element is to pass, comprising:

20        an elastic seal portion having a steering penetration portion through which said steering element passes and being in close contact with a sealing surface formed on the edge of the opening of said panel; and

25        a latch recess adapted to be pressed against said panel substantially along the axis of said steering element so that a plurality of latch projections formed in the vicinity of said edge of

the opening are caught in the latch recess.

3. A hole cover for a vehicle according to claim 1 or 2, wherein when said latch projections are caught in said latch recess, at least one of sound and vibration is produced.

4. A hole cover for a vehicle according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said elastic sealing portion is in contact with a sealing surface having a circular shape, and said latch projections are caught in said latch recess having an annular shape.

5. A hole cover for a vehicle according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said steering penetration portion is in sliding contact with said steering element in a rotational direction.

6. A hole cover for a vehicle according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising an elastic deforming portion that allows movement of said steering penetration portion relative to said elastic seal portion.

7. A hole cover for a vehicle according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said elastic seal portion is formed on a seal body made of an elastic material,

and said latch projection or said latch recess is formed on a seal retaining member that is externally fitted on the seal body.

5           8. A hole cover for a vehicle according to claim 7, wherein a retaining member bias means for biasing said seal retaining member in a direction away from said panel is formed on said seal body.

10           9. A hole cover for a vehicle according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said latch projection is exposed in the assembled state.

15           10. A hole cover for a vehicle, for covering an opening on a panel through which a steering element is to pass, comprising:

an elastic seal portion having a steering penetration portion through which said steering element passes and being in close contact with a  
20           sealing surface formed on the edge of the opening of said panel; and

a latch member adapted to be pressed against said panel substantially along the axis of said steering element.